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Sectional Analysis — Version B

Section 1

AS 08.02.130. Telehealth

Amends subsection (b) to expand who may provide health care services through telehealth. An out of state member of the physician's multidisciplinary care team may provide telehealth services under the following conditions: (1) for on-going treatment or follow-up care by the member of the physician's multidisciplinary care team if the physician and patient have an established physician-patient relationship and the physician has previously conducted an in-person visit; or (2) for a visit regarding a suspected or diagnosed life-threatening condition for which the patient has been referred to the physician licensed in another state or a member of the physician's multidisciplinary care team and the visit involves communication with the patient regarding diagnostic or treatment plan options or analysis of test results for the life-threatening condition.

Section 2

AS 08.02.130. Telehealth

Amends the definition of "health care provider" in (j)(1) in this section to include a member of a multidisciplinary care team.

Section 3

AS 08.02.130. Telehealth

Creates a definition for "member of a multidisciplinary care team" in (5) of this section to mean "an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, behavior analyst, professional counselor, dietitian, nutritionist, naturopath, marital and family therapist, podiatrist, osteopath, physician assistant, nurse, pharmacist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist or psychological associate, or a social worker who is a member of a team that includes a physician licensed in another state who meets the requirements of (b)(1) of this section."

Section 4

AS 08.02.130. Telehealth

Creates new subsections relating to the registration of multidisciplinary care team members with the department telehealth registry. Subsection (k) states that a member of a multidisciplinary care team shall register with the department before providing services to a patient located in Alaska. This registration includes submitting: (1) the name of the physician leading the multidisciplinary care team; (2) the area of health care in which the member of the multidisciplinary care team will be practicing and proof of licensure in a state or territory of the United States in that area; and (3) any applicable fees.

Section 5

AS 08.02. Miscellaneous Provisions



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Adds new sections AS 08.02.135: Grounds for imposition of disciplinary sanctions of out-of-state multidisciplinary care team members and AS 08.02.140: Disciplinary sanctions for out-of-state multidisciplinary care team member.

Section 6

AS 44.33.381. Telemedicine business registry

Amends subsection (b) of this section by adding that the department may “renew every two years the registration of a business that meets all renewal requirements established by regulation and pays a renewal fee every two years.”

Section 7

AS 44.33.381. Telemedicine business registry

Adds new subsection (d) which includes the following fees that the department shall charge businesses performing telemedicine services in the state: (1) initial registration fee, \$100, adjusted for inflation in a manner determined by the department; (2) renewal fee \$100, adjusted for inflation in a manner determined by the department; and (3) fee to report changes in the business’s registration information, \$50.